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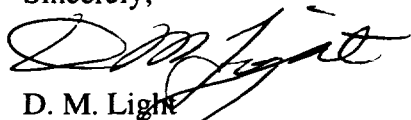
Mr. Michael McAteer
U. S. EPA - Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SR-6J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Re: Sauget Sites Area I - January 21, 1999 Administrative Order by Consent (AOC)
• **March 2001 Monthly Report**

Dear Mr. McAteer,

Enclosed is the March 2001 Monthly Report for Sauget Sites Area I. This submittal is in fulfillment of the monthly requirements of Section 2.4 Reporting, of the January 21, 1999 Final Administrative Order by Consent for Sauget Sites Area I, Sauget and Cahokia, Illinois.

Sincerely,



D. M. Light
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Solutia Inc.

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Sauget Sites Area I - Sauget, Illinois

AOC - EECA / RIFS

Monthly Report

Date of Report: March 8, 2001
Period Covered: February 1, 2001 - February 28, 2000
Next Report Period: March 1, 2001 - March 31, 2001

Work Performed during the reporting period

All required field work for the Sauget Area 1 Support Sampling Plan ("SSP") was completed prior to this report period. During the month of February, the Sauget Area I Project Team focused on completion of the EE/CA - RI/FS Report.

Solutia received Agencies' February 16, 2001 Comments on its January 9, 2001 submittal of the draft Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments. Solutia and Agencies' representatives met on February 21 to review and discuss the comments. Solutia is now working to submit a revised draft Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment by March 30, 2001 in response to the comments.

There are no Technical Memos attached to this report.

Data Submittal

There is no data submitted in this report.

Work scheduled for next reporting period

Solutia will continue to work on preparation and submittal of the consolidated EE/CA - RI/FS Report to be submitted to the Agencies by March 9, 2001. Work will also continue on completion and submittal of the revised draft Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments, due to the Agencies March 30, 2001.

Problems and Solutions

NONE

Submittal Schedule Status

See attached schedule - consistent with the approved SSP - as revised where indicated.

Other Issues

May 31, 2000 UAO (Sediments Removal)

A related UAO was issued to Solutia by the U. S. EPA on May 31, 2000, requiring construction of an on-site containment cell, removal of affected creek bed sediments and soils and flood plain soils from specific sections of Dead Creek, and placement of the affected sediments and soils in the newly constructed on-site cell. A Time Critical Removal Action Work Plan ("TCRAWP") was submitted to the Agencies June 30, 2000 for review and approval. Agreement on the major aspects of the TCRAWP was achieved in November. Additional agreements were reached in December - sufficient to proceed with issuance of a request for bids for the containment cell construction. Bids were received in late January and were evaluated in February.

Field work begun on the sediment de-watering phase of the project in November, 2000 and continued throughout the Report Period. Installation of the required facilities (piping, pumps, basins, etc.) to de-water the sediments over the next several months - while the containment cell is being constructed - was completed and started up in February. The next work in the field will be the initiation of clearing of all debris and brush that would impede the removal of the sediments. This activity is expected to start in March.

Approval of the containment cell design was received March 5, 2001. A contract for construction of the containment cell was awarded March 8, 2001. Final approval of the TCRAWP will await final review by the Agencies after Solutia incorporates all Agencies' comments and changes into the next draft. This revised draft is due to the Agencies April 4, 2001.

Comments:

NONE

January 21, 1999 Sauget Area I AOC
SCHEDULE

(03/01 Revision)

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| 1. Designation of Contractor | Completed 3/10/99 ¹ |
| 2. Designation of Other Contractors | 5 Business Days Before Start of Work |
| 3. Designation of Project Coordinator | Completed |
| 4. Submit Support Sampling Plan (SSP) | Submitted February 22, 1999 |
| 5. Submit Revised SSP | April 8, 1999 ²
June 25, 1999 ³
August 13, 1999 ⁴
October 9, 1999⁵ Approval |
| 6. Obtain Access Agreements | July 1, 1999 ⁶
October 17, 1999 ⁷
October 1, 1999 ⁸ |
| 7. Submit Health and Safety Plan (HASP) | Approved October 9, 1999 |
| 8. Submit Quality Assurance and Sampling Plan (QAPP) | Approved October 9, 1999 |

¹ Per March 10, 1999 memo DML to M. McAteer re "Notification of Contractors and Contractor Qualifications"

² Per 3/19/99 e-mail from M. McAteer to M. Light, AOC schedule modified to "21 days after receipt of U. S. EPA comments from the February 22, 1999 SSP submittal". U. S. EPA comments on the 2/22/99 SSP submittal were received 3/19/99. Revised SSP submitted to U. S. EPA April 8, 1999 and disapproved June 3, 1999.

³ April 8, 1999 SSP submittal disapproved June 3, 1999. Revised plan due to the Agency June 25, 1999. Revised plan submitted June 25th as required.

⁴ June 25th SSP submittal disapproved July 16, 1999 and resubmitted August 13, 1999.

⁵ August 13, 1999 SSP submittal as revised August 30, 1999 and October 7, 1999 received final Agency approval on October 9, 1999.

⁶ Per 5/21/99 phone call from M. McAteer to M. Light, AOC schedule modified to "July 1, 1999 with interim report due on June 15, 1999", consistent with Solutia's request in a May 18, 1999 Access report and request for extension.

⁷ Access agreements update issued August 15, 1999 with request to extend deadline to October 17, 1999. Extensions to October 17, 1999 was granted by Mike McAteer in an August 17, 1999 e-mail to Mike Light.

⁸ Access agreements update issued October 17, 1999 with request to extend deadline to October 1, 1999. Extensions to October 1, 1999 was granted by Mike McAteer in a October 21, 1999 e-mail to Mike Light

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SCHEDULE (Cont.)

(03/01)

9. Sampling Notification	10 Business Days Prior to Start of Work ⁹
10. Submit Data Report ¹⁰	01/09/01¹¹
11. Submit EE/CA Report ¹²	60 Calendar Days After Data Report Submittal - 03/09/01
• Revised HH and ECO R/As	March 30, 2001¹³
12. Submit Revised EE/CA Report	21 Calendar Days After Receipt of EPA Comments
13. Submit RI/FS Report	90 Calendar Days After Data Report Submittal - 04/09/01
14. Submit Revised RI/FS Report	21 Calendar Days After Receipt of EPA Comments
15. Progress Reports	Monthly Beginning February 19, 1999 ¹⁴

⁹ Notification given on August 19, 1999 that Air Sampling will begin on October 7, 1999. Per 9-2-99 phone conversation with Mike McAteer, the 10 day notification requirement can be treated as a "Day 1" requirement only, which has already been met.

¹⁰ The January 9, 2001 Data Report submittal also included the draft Human Health and ECO Risk Assessments.

¹¹ Per SSP - 16 mo. from SSP approval date of 9/9/99.

¹² The March 9 EECA submittal also included the RIFS.

¹³ The Agencies formally commented on the January 9, 2001 Draft Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments and discussed them in a February 21 meeting and required submittal of revised Risk Assessments March 30, 2001.

¹⁴ Pursuant to decisions in 9-1-99 EPA Kickoff Meeting - Report period for the monthly report will be changed to the calendar month to coincide with project field work - due on the 10th of the month.